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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 14437

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: EGEN, EAID, CB

SUBJ: RICE SITUATION

FOR STATE/AID

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE RICE SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SITUATION IN  
PHNOM PENH FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17 THROUGH DECEMBER 23, 1973:

	DEC. 17	DEC. 18	DEC. 19	DEC. 20
BEGINNING STOCK	7,625.0	6,719.6	6,054.0	10,739.8
ROUTE 5	---	---	---	---
ROUTE 4	---	---	---	---
MEKONG	---	---	5,445.0	---
TOTAL AVAILABLE	7,625.0	6,719.6	11,499.0	10,739.8
LESS DISTRIBUTION	895.2	647.7	745.4	837.1
BALANCE	6,729.8	6,071.9	10,753.6	9,902.7
ADJUSTMENT	10.2	17.9	13.8	5.8

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BALANCE 6,719.6 6,054.0 10,739.8 9.896.9

	DEC. 21	DEC. 22	DEC. 23
BEGINNING STOCK	9,896.9	9,164.2	8,406.6
ROUTE 5	---	---	---
ROUTE 4	---	---	---
MEKONG	---	---	---
TOTAL AVAILABLE	9,896.9	9,164.2	8,406.6
LESS DISTRIBUTION	836.5	754.6	---
BALANCE	9,060.4	9,409.6	---
ADJUSTMENT	103.8	3.0	
BALANCE	9,164.2	8,406.6	8,406.6

2. STOCK POSITION. AS OF COB DECEMBER 23, PHNOM PENH HAD A TOTAL AVAILABILITY OF 8,604.6 M/T OF RICE. THIS FIGURE INCLUDES 5,445.0 M/T THAT ARRIVED ON DECMEBER 19 BY REGULAR MEKONG CONVOY.

IN ADDITION TO THE STOCK ON HAND IN PHNOM PENH, THERE WAS AS OF DECEMBER 23RD A 6,438 M/T SURPLUS IN KOMPONG SOM MADE UP OF KOREAN AND US RICE SHIPMENTS.

### 3. ARRIVALS FOR BALANCE OF DECEMBER.

VESSEL/BARGE	M/T	SOURCE	DISCHARGE	ETA
PORT				
LUZON 1961	1,613	KOREAN	PHNOM PENH	12/24
LUZON 1962	1,721	"	"	"
KYOON AN MARU	4,800	JAPAN	KOMPONG SOM	12/25
WING PENG	1,700	VN	PHNOM PENH	12/28
MONTE CRISTO	1,800	"	"	"
EVER GLORY	1,783	"	"	"
PORTSUN	1,800	"	"	"
BATTY C-1	1,000	US	"	"
BATTY C-2	2,000	US	"	"
GULF MERCHANT	5,645	US	KOMPONG SOM	"

4. DISTRIBUTION. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, THE DAILY DISTRIBUTION RATE FOR PHNOM PENH AND SURROUNDING AREAS AVERAGED 673.7 M/T WHICH IS 23.7 M/T ABOVE THE GLOBAL QUOTA SET BY THE GKR'S NATIONAL RICE COMMITTEE.

THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE HAS INDICATED THAT RELEASE AUTHORIZATIONS (WHICH COVER A TEN-DAY PERIOD) HAVE NOT EXCEEDED 650 M/T PER DAY, THEREFORE, ACTUAL WAREHOUSE RELEASES (UP WHICH OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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CALCULATIONS ARE BASED) SHOULD FALL TO AN AVERAGE OF 650 M/T PER DAY BY THE END OF THE MONTH. WHILE THIS MAY BE CORRECT, IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THE GKR CONTROL MECHANISMS HAVE BROKEN DOWN DURING THE PAST WEEKS WHILE A NEW GOVERNMENT WAS BEING FORMED.

ASSUMING THIS UPSURGE IN DEMAND WILL NOT RENEW ITSELF, WE CONTINUE TO PROJECT A DAILY DISTRIBUTION RATE OF 650 M/T WHICH THE GKR'S

RICE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS FULLY ADEQUATE. ON THE BASIS OF 650 M/T PER DAY, THE STOCK ON HAND AS OF DEC. 23 CORRESPONDED TO 13 DAYS' SUPPLY. GIVEN PRESENTLY SCHEDULED ARRIVALS BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF THE MONTH, A DAILY DISTRIBUTION OF 650 M/T SHOULD LEAVE A SURPLUS OF 15,898 M/T BY DECEMBER 31, OR 24.5 DAYS' SUPPLY IN PHNOM PENH. AT KOMPONG SOM WE PROJECT A SURPLUS STOCK OF 14,883 M/T BY DECEMBER 31 OR AN ADDITIONAL 22.9 DAYS' SUPPLY AVAILABLE FOR PHNOM PENH.

5. DISCHARGE AT PHNOM PENH PORT. ANEW COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED BY THE GKR WITH THE SPECIFIC AIM OF INCREASING THE WEEKLY DISCHARGE RATE TO 10,000 TONS INSTEAD OF THE PRESENT 7,000 TONS. THE U.S. NAVAL ATTACHE AND A MEMBER OF ECON SIT ON THE COMMITTEE AS THE EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES. MEASURES ALREADY ADOPTED WHICH WILL BE PUT TO THE TEST WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE DECEMBER 28 MEKONG CONVOY, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- A. RECRUITING OF ADDITIONAL STEVEDORES.
- B. NIGHT SHIFT AT THE PORT AND IN GOVERNMENT RICE WAREHOUSES.
- C. USE OF TRUCK-CARRYING-BARGES TO UNLOAD RICE VESSELS IN MIDSTREAM.

6. RICE STORED IN KOMPONG SOM. UNLESS ROUTE 4 IS REOPENED BY FANK WITHIN 2 WEEKS, OUR CURRENT PLAN CALLS FOR SENDING COASTERS AND/OR BARGES UNDER CHARTER TO USAID/SAIGON TO KOMPONG SOM TO LOAD RICE FOR THE RETURN JOURNEY TO PHNOM PENH VIA THE MEKONG.  
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